Suggestion by A.P. Government to take 'no industry taluk' or 'Panchayat Samithies' for industrial development

2524. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has suggested to the Central Government to take 'no industry taluk' or 'Panchayat Samithies' instead of 'no industry districts' to facilitate industrial development on a decentralised basis;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for the clearance of at least 20 growth centres in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Under the existing scheme of incentives to backward areas the Central Government assists the State Governments in taking up infrastructural development in one or two identified growth centres in each No Industry Districts in Category 'A'. Since there is no disrict in the State of Andhra Pradesh included in Category 'A', the question of setting up of a growth centre does not arise. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has, however, suggested that there should be 'No Industry Mandals' instead of 'No Industry Districts'. This question has been taken up as a part of the general review of the Central Investment Scheme for industrialisation of backward areas.

Changing the name of Madras High Court

2525. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu State Government has requested the Central Government to change the name of the Madras High Court as the Tamil Nadu High Court; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government have desired that the requisite parliamentary legislation be undertaken for this purpose.

(b) The matter is engaging the attention of the Central Government.

Small and medium scale industries in Orissa

2526. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small scale and medium scale industries which now exist in the State of Orissa;

(b) the number of industries declared sick by Government and what is the percentage;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to revive such sick industries; and

(d) which sick industries are getting financial assistance under "Margin Money Scheme" and what is the total amount given so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to the information available from the Reserve Bank of India there were 64,588 SSI units in the State of Orissa as at the end of June, 1986. Information with regard to medium scale industries is not available with the RBI. There were 5862

sick SSI units in the State of Orissa as at the end of June 1986, which formed 9.1 per cent of the total SSI units in the State.

(c) The Reserve Bank of India have issued guidelines to all scheduled commercial banks recently regarding rehabilitation of sick SSI units with specific reference to definition of sick SSI units, viability norms, incipient sickness as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementing rehabilitation packages. In respect of units other than SSI which include medium units, rehabilitation packages for potentially viable sick units are drawn by term lending institutions in consultation with banks and other agencies involved in financing them. The cases of medium scale industrial companies can be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction which has become recently operational.

(d) The Margin Money Scheme has been revised in consultation with the State Governments and revised Scheme communicated to the State Government in June, 1987. The State Government of Orissa was requested to communicate the assistance required under the Margin Money Scheme for the current financial year. The State Government has requested for assistance amounting to Rs. 3 lakhs. It may be added that assistance under Margin Money Scheme is given on a matching basis, to the State Government.

Demand recession in industries

2527. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain industries are facing demand recession;

(b) if so, what are those industries;

(c) what are the reasons for recession; and

(d) what remedial measures have been adopted by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) It is difficult to say in the short run whether any particular industry is facing recession. Demand-Supply imbalances do occur in cyclical phases in certain industries. However, during the first two years of the current plan, the industrial growth is expected to be a little over 8 per cent against the Seventh Plan annual target of 8 per cent.

(d) The Government takes both fiscal and promotiional measures to remedy demand-supply imbalances in specific industries as the occasion demands.

BHEL Officers sent abroad for medical treatment

2528. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several BHEL officers/employees were sent abroad for medical treatment while posted in India; if so, the names of such officers/employees along with their age, designation, details of medical treatment and total amount spent by BHEL on their foreign treatment (converted into rupees);

(b) whether it is also a fact that BHEL spent lakhs of rupees on the medical treatment abroad of one Additional General Manager from whose possession unaccounted wealth running into crores was recovered in a recent income-tax raid; and if so, the name of this officer alongwith action initiated against him; and

(c) whether BHEL management propose to send other employees also for medical treatment abroad?